Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether any report has been submitted?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: An interim report on the results so far obtained has been submitted.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know how long it will take to complete the enquiry?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: It is not possible to give a definite answer now.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the present Director of Industries has visited Devicclam on any occasion?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes, Sir, I have been there.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether, mica is not found there in large quantities?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Small samples have been found. Whether large quantities are available or not is yet to be seen.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether iron is available in Travancore?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No, Sir.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapally, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*): May I know whether there is any proposal to renew the leases before the expiry of the present terms?

Mr. C. Kumara Das. That is a confidential matter. No lease has been renewed so far.

Camping of the Director of Public Health.

43. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of days the Director of Public Health has spent in camp in the taluks of Tiruvella, Kalkulam and Vilavancode each in the years 1111, 1112, 1113 and 1114?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: 3 days in Tiruvella, 17 days in Kalkulam and 21 days in Vilavancode taluks in 1111;

8 days in Thiruvella, 13 days in Kalkulam and 5 days in Vilavancode taluks in 1112;

5 days in Tiruvella, 7 days in Kalkulam and 3 days in Vilavancode taluks in 1113; and

6 days in Tiruvella, 4 days in Kalkulam and 5 days in Vilavancode taluks in 1114.

Manufacture of cement in Travancore.

44. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have investigated into the possibilities of manufacturing cement in Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what are the results of such investigation?

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Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is no definite information at present regarding the quantities available of some of the raw materials. Investigations are in progress to find out the extent of the resources in those materials.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know how long the investigation has been going on?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: One investigation was conducted in 1926. But at that time no substantial deposits of lime stone were known to occur. Since last February fresh investigations are being carried on, on the basis of an occurence recently discovered.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know the material required for the manufacture of cement?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The information is given in the answer to next question: lime stone, clay, gypsum and coal.

Manufacture of Cement.

45. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the materials necessary to manufacture cement;

(*b*) whether such materials are not available in sufficient quantities in Travancore;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that cement is being manufactured using granite stones in place of lime stones: and

(*d*) what will be the quantity of granite stones available in the various parts of the State?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Limestone, clay, gypsum and coal.

(*b*) Some are and some not.

(*c*) No.

(d) The information is not available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know whether there is not a very big factory near Podanur?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: I think there is.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether they are not utilising granite stone in the place of lime stones?

Mr C. Kumara Das: I do not think so. Granite is not used for the manufacture of cement.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether he has visited the place and ascertained it?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: No. Sir,

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the lime shells in the Vembanad Lake could not be utilised for the manufacture of cement?

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